

## Interview Summary

Application No.

09/863,299

Applicant(s)

SASAKI, TOYONORI

Examiner

Michael P Nghiem

Art Unit

2863

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Michael P Nghiem.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Scott Schulte.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 08 September 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,46-54 and 56-71.

Identification of prior art discussed: Abe (US 5,903,294), Takagi (US 5,877,794).

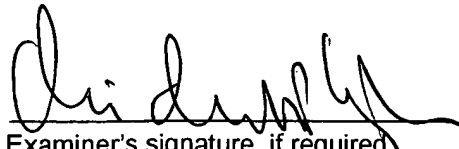
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

  
Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: With regards to claims 51 and 53, Applicants argue Abe does not disclose a partition wall extending from the first surface toward the second surface. Abe's partition (13) extends from the second surface toward the first surface. Examiner will consider Applicants argument. Applicants further argue that Abe does not disclose a cover which is a separate part from the case. Examiner's position is that once the cover is joined to the case, there is no structural difference between the current invention and Abe's invention of Fig. 1a. With respect to claim 56, Applicants argue that Takagi does not teach communicating air between the first chamber and the atmosphere communicating path. Examiner's position is that air will flow through port (34) when the ink level in the ink cartridge is low.